

NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF SCRUTINY PANEL 2 - CULTURE AND TOURISM

Monday, 16 April 2018

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Councillor Jamie Lane (Chair), Councillors Mohammed Aziz, Vicky Culbard, Sam Kilby-Shaw, Arthur McCutcheon, Brian Sargeant and Zoe Smith

CO-OPTED MEMBER: Martin Sutherland Royal and Derngate Theatres

Witnesses Trevor Ward, Freeman of the Borough
Nick Gordon, Cultural Services Manager, NBC

Officers Tracy Tiff, Scrutiny Officer

Members of the Public A representative from the University of Northampton - observing

1. APOLOGIES

There were none.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (INCLUDING WHIPPING)

There were none.

3. DEPUTATIONS AND PUBLIC ADDRESSES

There were none.

4. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 March 2018 were signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.

5. WITNESS EVIDENCE

(A) FREEMAN OF THE BOROUGH

Trevor Ward, Freeman of the Borough, provided key points regarding the history of the Freeman of the Borough:

- Freeman have been in the town for 100s of years, since 1189
- There are 90 Freeman in Northampton, that meet four times
- There are a number of Honorary Freeman of the Borough
- A Freeman cant be purchased anymore

- Lady Freeman were introduced in 2012
- The Freeman take part on Mayor Making and Remembrance Sunday
- In accordance with the 1987 Act, apprentices can become Freeman

Mr Ward was thanked for providing the information.

6. NIFF

A representative from NIFF was not in attendance.

7. PRESENTATION - NORTHAMPTON MUSEUM

Nick Gordon, Cultural Services Manager, gave the Scrutiny Panel a comprehensive presentation on the expansion project of the Northampton Museum.

8. CHAIR'S DRAFT REPORT

The Scrutiny Panel considered the Chair's draft report, making updates as appropriate.

AGREED: That the report of Scrutiny Panel 2 is presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 30 April for consideration and approval.